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Foreword

by Dennis Fortier
Seated Half Society President

The Liberty Seated half dollar community is a close-knit group of collectors, so I expect that many of those reading this will already know of me and my friendship with Bill Bugert. Bill has been my mentor in collecting, specifically in collecting seated halves, for twenty years. As a dedicated collector of the series and past Vice-President of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, I also founded the Seated Half Society (for Liberty Seated Half Dollar enthusiasts) in 2021 with both urging and support from Bill.

Bill Bugert's focused study of the series, combined with ongoing and long-term collaborations with other Seated half experts and enthusiasts, has made him the go-to authority on Liberty Seated half dollars. The book he published with Randy Wiley *(The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars, 1993),* and his series of six Registers (so Far) detailing every known Liberty Seated half dollar die variety have distinguished him as the foremost expert on seated halves. This singularly impressive body of work would be more than enough for most numismatists. Bill, however, always finds another project. In the present case, that project is a series of web-booklet registers beginning with the series key (1878-S) in 2020, and now expanding to include the so called BIG THREE varieties: the1849 Dramatically Doubled Date, the 1847 over 6, and the 1873 No Arrows Open 3.

This first of the big three varieties registers to be published documents the 1849 Dramatically Doubled Date WB-6. A rare variety, it has long been considered a must-have for Seated half dollar variety specialists. The photos and histories in this web-booklet register will both provide collectors with valuable information and hopefully bring new attention to this rare variety.

Due to its rarity the 1849 Dramatically Doubled Date appeared so infrequently in auction records that it had been delisted by all major price guides for most of the last decade. Its absence from price guides contributed to prices for this rare issue plummeting well below previous values. After several years of effort Bill persuaded the *Redbook* editor to re-list it two years ago. Now, with the 1849 Dramatically Doubled Date's re-listing the variety will hopefully be sought more enthusiastically and find its price adjusted upwards to align more appropriately with its desirability.

Bill's 1849 Dramatically Doubled Date web-booklet offers detailed descriptions and photographs of every known example of the 1849 Dramatically Doubled Date that he has been able to study for over fifty years. These photos and histories provide an important resource for collectors and scholars now and in years to come. The web-booklets add to Bill Bugert's legacy while providing yet more examples of his detailed research and dedication to the series. It is an honor to write this foreword for such an accomplished numismatist and friend.

Dennis Fortier
Seated Half Society President

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Introduction

The 1849 WB-6[1] Dramatically Doubled Date Half Dollar is a rare variety and a key to the variety set of Liberty Seated half dollars. Long recognized as rare, ML Beistle in his 1929 Register[2] calls this variety "exceedingly rare." Noting Beistle's claim, early auction catalog lot descriptions from the 1960s exploit this variety's rarity, but with good reason. Walter Breen in his 1988 Encyclopedia[3] described this variety as "Fewer than 6 seen to date, all but one in low grades…As spectacular as 4775 (i.e., *1844/1844-O*), 4782 (i.e., *1845-O*), 4788 (i.e., *1846/H6*), but less often seen and therefore less publicized." The surviving numbers are now much larger than 6, but in my experience, this variety is still rare and worthy of attention by the dedicated Liberty Seated half dollar collector. It is one of the rarest varieties in the series, popular only to knowledgeable collectors, underrated and underappreciated, and easy to recognize with an unaided eye.

Depicted on the cover and page 14 of this Register, the date on this variety is dramatically repunched over a full digit's width to the right, hence its name.

In 2024, the President of the Seated Half Society[4], Dennis Fortier, also recognized the rarity of this variety and authored an analysis of this variety in the Liberty Seated Collectors Club's printed publication, *The Gobrecht Journal*[5]. In this article Dennis cites not only the rarity of this variety but also price to rarity abnormality. For example, the finest known, an NGC MS64 BB-01, lost two-thirds of its value from $20,700 in 2011 to $6,300 in 2025. An XF45, BB-09, lost half its value in one year, 2009-2010. This variety does not get the interest and notoriety that I and other collectors think it should.

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[1] Bugert, Bill. A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume VI, Philadelphia Mint 1856 to 1873 No Arrows. Gettysburg, PA: Self-published, 2022.

[2] Beistle, Martin Luther. A Register of Half Dollar Die Varieties and Sub-Varieties. Shippensburg, PA: The Beistle Company, 1929.

[3] Breen, Walter. Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of US and Colonial Coins. F.C.I Press, Inc. and Doubleday, 1988.

[4] The Seated Half Society is a subset of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club dedicated collecting and advancing Libert Seated half dollars. Minimal requirements for joining are new members must have verified 100 half dollars of the Seated type.

[5] The thrice yearly printed publication of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. Members in good standing receive this publication.

Before the 1990s, auction companies often used few photographic plates and incomplete lot descriptions. For example, lot descriptions might mention repunched or recut dates. Unfortunately for the lot descriptions, there are multiple 1849 repunched dates making identification to the WB-6 or WB-102[6] difficult or impossible. Auction data from the mid-1990s improved and most instances in this Register of this variety are only cited since then. I have listed some open leads at the end of this Register so that, if additional information is forthcoming, identification of other examples might be possible.

There is another variety that some mistakenly believe to be the WB-6. On some EDS examples of the WB-1, there are raised splotches of metal to the left of the bases of the date (photo below). On more than one occasion, this has been mistaken for the rare dramatically doubled date variety (WB-6). It is not; it is a separate die marriage. This raised metal disappears with die wear and die polishing.

1849 WB-1 half dollar EDS date closeup, sometimes mistaken for the WB-6.

Although I was unable to find lengthy pedigree information on almost all the 1849 WB-6s in this Register, I sincerely hope this Register is useful, informative, and motivating to encourage interest in collecting this rare variety.

Lastly, I apologize as this Register is not as complete as it could be. Sadly, a few individuals not listed herein reported to me that they owned an 1849 WB-6 but were unwilling to share information on them. Perhaps these coins will appear in a future edition of this Register.

[6] Wiley, Randy and Bill Bugert. The Complete Guide To Liberty Seated Half Dollars. Virginia Beach, VA: DLRC Press, 1993.

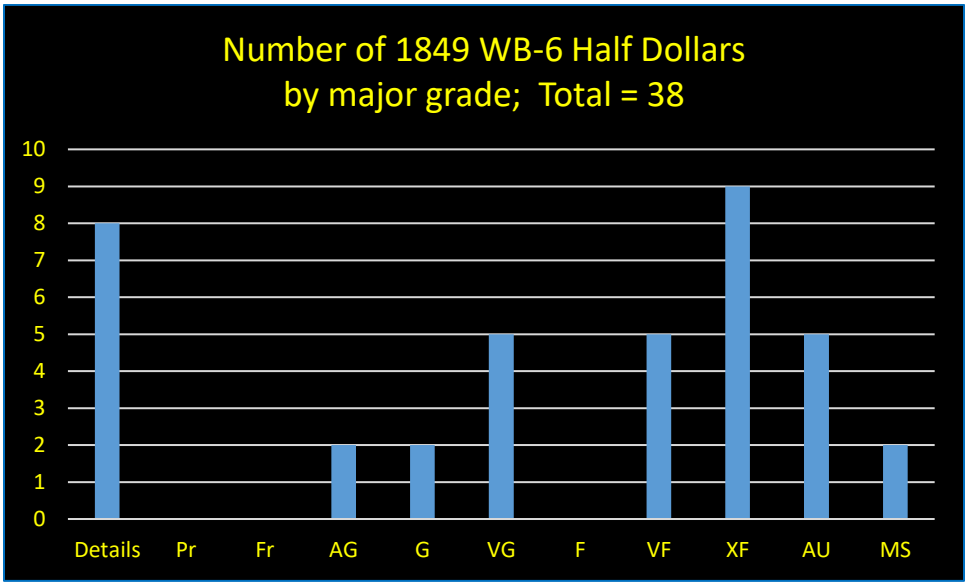
Miscellaneous Information

Purpose of this publication. With this document, it is my desire and ultimate goal to record information (images, known pedigree, and miscellaneous notes) on all the 1849 WB-6 Dramatically Doubled Date half dollars. I believe there exists approximately 50 examples (38 are detailed here) and finding them all with useful pedigree information and images will be a worthwhile continual task with constant updates. This is my start (although I have been keeping records for decades) at that effort.

I have assigned a BB-## to each coin so that past and future presences of these coins may be easily tracked. Cross references to some of Randy Wiley's previously and currently owned coins are also contained herein as W-##.

Disclaimer. This *Register* is only as good as the information collected from many sources. I have taken great pains to remove inaccuracies, but I suspect some information included here may not be accurate and/or incomplete. I have listed "known pedigree details" for each coin and I admit that details are very sparse. Little is known to me about sales history of these coins.

1849 WB-6 half dollars by grade. The chart below depicts the census of examples listed herein by major grade.



From the chart depicted above, it is readily apparent that almost a quarter of the known coins are in "Details" grade while another quarter are XF. Others are spread across the grades with a heavy concentration in VG, VF, and AU. The "Details" graded coins range from Good to AU.

How did I collect this data? I acknowledge that a lot of information is missing from this *Register* and there may be some inaccurate data. I strived to have only accurate information. I researched this date using many sources. They are listed below:

- Person to person conversations. In most cases, I recorded the information I received; some was considered questionable until I was able to verify it or discard it.
- My personal numismatic library of auction catalogues going back to the 1930s. *Numismatic News' Auction Prices Realized for U.S. Coins* for individual years was a reference time saver. Older catalogues and many catalogues missing from individual libraries are now available on the Newman Numismatic Portal. This portal made many numismatic bibliophiles' libraries outmoded, but it is a great time saver.
- Modern online auction company archives. These reference libraries of auction results usually had great images, slab numbers, and good descriptions and notably included Heritage and Stack's Bowers.
- Numismatic and dealer publications. These include but are not limited to *The Gobrecht Journal*, *Coin World*, *Numismatic News*, and dealer price lists and announcements.
- Coin show bourse and dealer cases. Roaming the large coin shows sometimes produced an 1849 WB-6 half dollar in a dealer's case. Mostly, dealers were cooperative with allowing me to image or draw the details of the coin and record information. In all cases, past pedigree information was not offered.
- Third party grading companies' online records. I have more on this in the following sections, but this provided great information and leads for me to follow.
- My "other help." Many numismatic friends knew of my effort to document all rare half dollar varieties and were proactive in helping me with information. These friends would find them on bourse floors, online, and in publications a were helpful in my effort to complete this *Register*.
- Randy Wiley. Randy and I researched this date together for many years. In speaking with Randy, he acknowledges that this variety is indeed rare.

Double Date 1849s stolen. *Coin World*[7] reported that Buffalo coin dealer, Victor A. Drajem, Jr., had, among many other coins, "four to six 1849 Seated Liberty doubled date half dollars" stolen on the way home from the Empire State Numismatic Association Show on August 16, 1987. There was no indication in the article of double date variety.

[7] "N. Y. dealer reports theft of coins, car" Coin World, September 9, 1987: 46.

TPG encapsulation statistics[a]. The tables below depict the number of certified 1849 WB-6 half dollars as of the date specified. Most certified examples of the 1849 WB-6 half dollar are not variety attributed but identification is simple by observing the dramatically doubled date.

As of April 5, 2025:

Grade	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	15	20	25	30	35	40
PCGS					1	1				3		1	1
NGC									1				
CACG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANACS		1	1	1					1		1		2

Grade	45	50	53	55	58	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
PCGS	2	2			1							
NGC	2							1		1		
CACG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANACS	1	2		1								

Totals	PCGS[b]	NGC[b]	CACG	ANACS[b]
Total encapsulated	17	5	0	19
Total graded	12	5	0	12

[a] SEGS does not publish grading statistics.

[b] Note: PCGS and NGC do not list separate "Details" grade coins but includes them in the total number graded. ANACS does separate "Details" graded coins by grade.

Photographs. Most of the images of 1849 WB-6 half dollars depicted in this Register are from other sources. While some are not ideal for a modern state of the art publication, many are the best that I have or can get but are good enough to properly identify a specific coin.

Confidentiality. Much information provided to me in confidence (such as current owners) is omitted to protect individual privacy. That information, however, is included in my personal unpublished reference copy.

Census of 1849 WB-6 Half Dollars by Grade and Authentication Service

Grade	PCGS Slab #	BB-#	NGC/NCS Slab #	BB-#	ANACS Holder/Papers	BB-#	Raw	BB-#
MS64			3462109-001	01			MS65?	02
AU58	14771968 ~~21061431~~ 42019773 (D)	03 03 33						
AU55	50080035 44784860 (D)	04 32	5130619-007 (D)	30	~~3019674~~	04		
AU53							Randy Wiley	05
AU50	26467366 45562617 ~~81613406~~	06 07 07			~~NK~~	04		
XF45	35822424 38231289 02290109	08 09 10	4882806-004	11	2820193	13	Unknown	12
XF40	27503686	14			EX3876	15	Unknown	16
VF35	49380423	17						
VF30			1787983-001	18	NK (D)	35	Unknown (D)	34
VF25	39197122 14947021	19 20					Breen	21
VG10	19693958	24					Bob Muzzi Unknown	22 23
VG8	28140657 42710258 (D) 20548132 (D)	26 36 37			910170 (D)	38	Fred Clowe	25
G6					7460011	27	Unknown	28
AG3					466710	30	Mike Perkins	29

NK = Number Not Known (to Bugert)
(D) = Details holder
Note: SEGS does not publish grading statistics.

= Still in TPG database records
~~Strike-thru~~ = Specific coin's previous TPG number

Information Needed on these 1849 WB-6 Half Dollars by Grade and Authentication Service

Grade	PCGS Slab #	BB-#	NGC/NCS Slab #	BB-#	ANACS Holder/Papers	BB-#	Raw	BB-#
MS66								
MS65								
MS64								
MS63								
MS62			NK					
MS61								
MS60								
AU58								
AU55					NK (D)			
AU50					NK, NK (D)			
XF45								
XF40					NK			
VF35								
VF30					NK			
VF20					NK			
F15					NK (D)			
F12								
VG10								
VG8								
G6					NK, NK (D)			
G4					NK (D)			
AG3								
FR02								

1849 WB-6 Half Dollars Summary

Grade	Details	AG03	G04	G06	VG8	VG10	VF25	VF30
#	31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38	29, 30	28	27	25, 26	22, 23, 24	19, 20, 21	18
Page	48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55	46, 47	45	44	42, 43	39, 40, 41	36, 37, 38	35

Grade	VF35	XF40	XF45	AU50	AU53	AU55	AU58	MS64	MS65
#	17	14, 15, 16	08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13	06, 07	05	04	03	01	02
Page	34	31, 32, 33	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	23, 24	22	21	20	18	19

Characteristics of a Genuine 1849 WB-6 Half Dollar

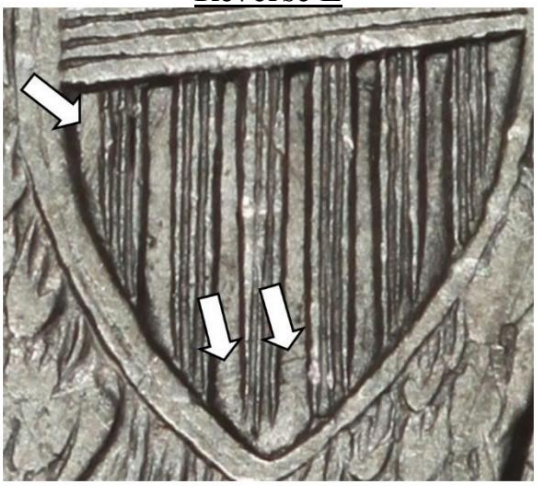
extracted from *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume V, Philadelphia Mint 1839 to 1852*

1849
WB-6, Dramatically Doubled Date

Obverse 3

- Dramatically doubled date (photos above and below) with all the digits of the date first punched to the west of the final date. Additionally, the lower loop of an errant 9 protrudes from the rock support above (18)49. Note also the tine from the dentil below the right edge of the 9.

Reverse E



- Diagonal die lines in the upper left corner of the lower shield and other die lines in the bottom inside of the lower shield (photo)
- All examples seen: weak die cracks thru legend and denomination. (See enhanced die crack diagram on the next page.)

This is the only use of this obverse die and first use of this reverse die.
This die marriage is a naked eye rarity, popular, and a key variety in the series. It has one of the most dramatically repunched dates; hence, the nickname. Most are seen in low grades but a small number exist in nice AU. Finding one of these in any condition would be a centerpiece of a Liberty Seated half dollar collection.

Date grid: M1, .018”	145 reeds	Typical diameter = 1.201”	Rarity - 5
Drapery die state: Full	Foot support: Full	Dentils: Obverse - Full; Reverse - Full	
Grade of coin depicted: XF40		Coin from the Bill Bugert Collection	
Cross reference: WB-102.		Version 82.S	

1849
WB-6, Dramatically Doubled Date

Obverse 3

Reverse E (enhanced die cracks in photo at right)

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BB-21	VF25 Raw	38
BB-22	VG10 Raw	39
BB-23	VG10 Raw	40
BB-24	PCGS VG10	41
BB-25	VG8 Raw	42
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The Census of
1849 WB-6
Dramatically Doubled Date
Half Dollars

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-01

 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com	 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com
Attractive blue/gold toning Rim cud below (1)8(49)	Attractive blue/gold toning Noticeable gouge below the olive stem above D(OL)
Grade: MS64	Certified: NGC MS64 #3462109-001 "1849/1849 Repunched Date FS-301, WB-102"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

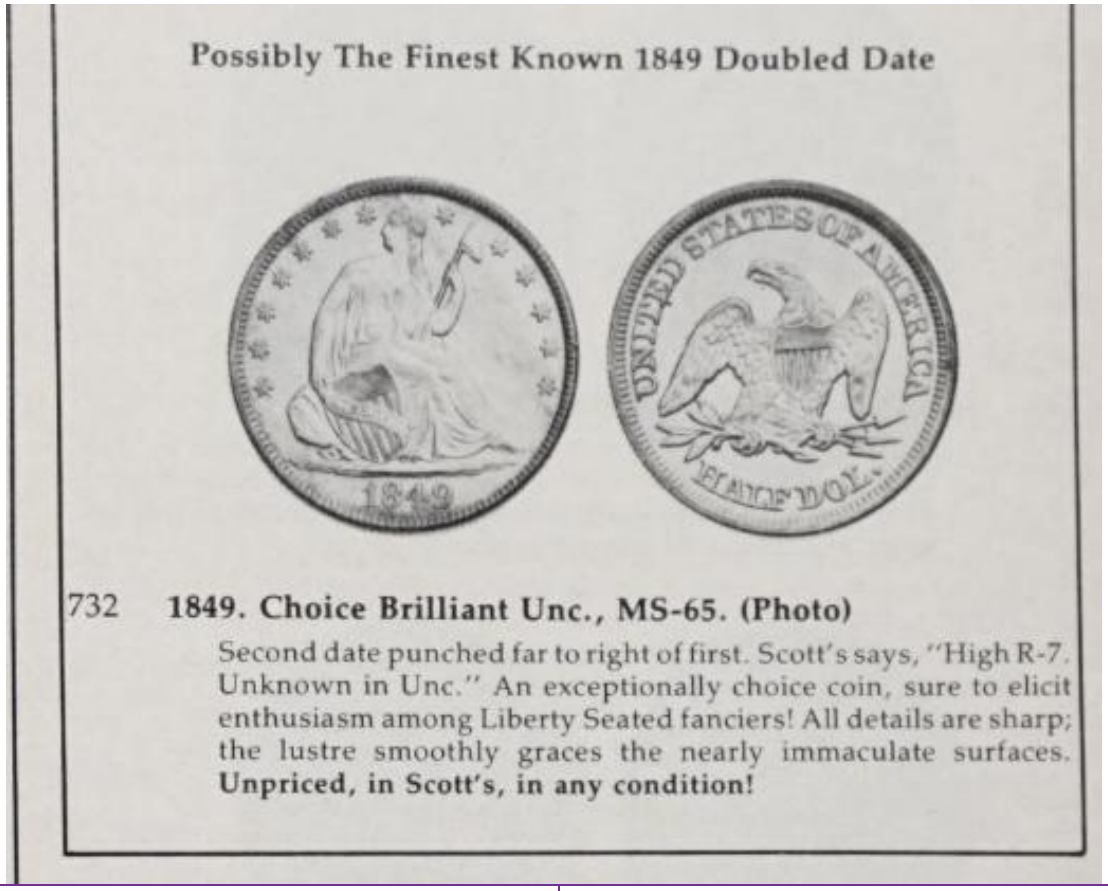
Unknown collector
ex-Heritage Auctions FUN Signature Auction 1/15/2025:5033 @ $6,300
ex-Heritage Auctions Eugene H. Gardner Collection 10/27/2014: 98488 @ $9,400
ex-Stack's Bowers Sale of the Dick Osburn Collection 8/18/2011:7034 @ $20,700
Likely ex-Kagin's Sale of the 70s Public Auction, 11/2-3/1973:1242 @ NA. The unplated lot description sounds exactly like this coin "…Finest Known…glittering bluish golden PROOFLIKE (obverse)…"

Photo credit: Heritage Auctions.com

Note:

1. Pending verification of the grade of BB-02, this is the finest known example of the 1849 WB-6 half dollar.

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-02



Light toning band from K-12 to K-4 Toning below date	Toning on rim at K-3
Grade: Catalogued as MS65	Certified: Raw
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Unknown Collector
ex-NASCA Sale of the Matthew Bryan Collection 11/2/1977:732

Photo credit: Scan of the 1977 NASCA Auction Catalogue

Note:

1. The location of this coin is currently unknown. By photo matching auction plates, this coin appears to differ from BB-01, the NGC MS64. BB-01 has a noticeable gouge below the olive stem; this coin doesn't have that defect. Additionally, the toning is different although time and human assistance can alter that appearance. It could be the finest known.

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-03

 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com	 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com
Gorgeous toning Small toning dot by star 3	Gorgeous toning
Grade: AU58	Certified: PCGS AU58 #14771968 CAC ex-PCGS AU58 #21841431 not CAC "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

PCGS private collection
ex-Heritage Auctions Pioneer Boone (LSCC member James Bailey) Family Collection
5/16/2022:63184 @ $7,200
ex-Heritage Auctions Eugene Gardner Collection 10/28/2015:98665 @ $4,230
ex-Harry Laibstain, 9/2009
ex-Heritage Auctions 7/27/2003:7554 @ $7,130 (as PCGS AU58 #21061431)

Photo credit: Heritage Auctions.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-04

Diagonal toning streak in the field to right of Liberty's head Rim cud below (1)8(49)	Scratch in the field above the right wing Dark spot above olive leaf #1
Grade: AU55	Certified: E6262 PCGS AU55 #50080035 ex-ANACS AU55 #3019674 ex-ANACS AU50 #not known "RPD FS-004.5 WB-102"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Carl Feldman Half Dollar Collection
ex-Rare Coins of New Hampshire (at the 114th ANA bourse, San Francisco), 7/28/2005 @ $5,950 (as PCGS AU55)
ex-Heritage Auctions 7/30/2003: 7553 @ $5,175 (as ANACS AU55 #3019674)
ex-Heritage Auctions 11/22/2002: 7298 @ $4,370 (as ANACS AU55 #3019674)
ex-Heritage Auctions 10/5/2000: 6242 @ $5,980 (as ANACS AU50 #NK)
ex-Heritage Auctions 4/23/1999: 5771 @ $5,980 (as ANACS AU50 #NK)

Photo credit: John Frost

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-05

Small mark in field above left shoulder Light toning around the stars and date Rim cud below (1)8(49)	Faint scratch to left of the eagle's beak Toning streak above (D)O(L)
Grade: AU53	Raw
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Randy Wiley Half Dollar Reference Collection, #W-23 ex-Julian Leidman, 5/1990	
Photo credit: Scans of Bill Bugert's 1990 35 mm photos	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-06

Nicely toned Horizontal scratch in the shield's horizontal shield lines	Nicely toned Small mark in front of eagle's beak
Grade: AU50	Certified: PCGS AU50 #26467366
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Anonymous Liberty Seated half dollar collector
ex-GFRC auction, 1/2021 @ $4,000
ex-Cumberland County half dollar collection
ex-Rich Uhrich Rare Coin sale

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-07

Dark toning Slight rim roughness at K-2 Rim cud below (1)8(49)	Dark toning Two small hits above (HAL)F
Grade: AU50	Certified: PCGS AU50 #45562617 ex-PCGS AU50 #81613406 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

PCGS private collection
ex-DKRC eBay Buy-It-Now, circa 8/2023 @ $4,950
ex-GFRC Seal Beach Collection Auction, 8/2020 @ $4,000
ex-GFRC Grey Soldier Collection

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-08

Dark toning Darker toning spot by star 9 Rim cud below (1)8(49)	Dark toning Small tick below (STATE)S Hits on base of (AMER)I(CA)
Grade: XF45	Certified: PCGS XF45 #35822424 CAC "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

North Woods (Harry Wing) PCGS and NGC Registry Sets, 9/2024
ex- David Sunshine Rare Coins, 6/2019 @ $3,650

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-09

Scattered marks in fields Small dig near star 4 and in field by left elbow	Small marks in field below A(MERICA)
Grade: XF45	Certified: PCGS XF45 #38231289
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Unknown Collector
ex-Scotsman Midwest Summer 2024 Sale, 7/18/2024:741 @ $4,720
ex-Stack's Bowers 11/15/2019:7225 @ $2,760

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-10

Rough, dirty surfaces Rim defect at star 11 Rim cud below (1)8(49)	Rough, dirty surfaces Small hits above the left wing
Grade: XF45	Certified: PCGS XF45 #02290109 "FS-004.5 Repunched Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Unknown Collector ex-Heritage Auctions 2/5/2010:1178 @ $2,300 ex-Harry Laibstain Price List pricelist 11/2009 @$4,500 ex-Reginald Mason Half Dollar Collection	
Photo credit: Heritage Auctions.com	

Note:

1. This coin in hand looks much nicer than the images above.

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-11

 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com	 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com
Dark toning Rough surfaces Small dig on left forearm Small cut in field to left of rock	Dark toning Small marks between eagle's beak and left upper wing tip wing
Grade: XF45	Certified: NGC XF45 #4882806-004
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

The Greene Collection
ex-eBay (Steve Teal, Roanoke IN Stateline Coin Exchange), 4/6/2020 @ $2,450.
ex-Heritage Auctions 10/18/2019:3662 @ $1,500
ex-APMEX coin inventory, date unknown

Photo credit: Heritage Auctions.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-12

Old scratch in the field from star 1 to left forearm Scattered marks in right obverse field	Legend and denomination faintly outlined with toning Heavy mark above D(OL)
Grade: XF45	Raw
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Unknown Collector ex-Greg Church, purchased from Randy 3/1992 @ $2,500 ex-Randy Wiley #W-27 ex-Jonathan Kerns' Baltimore bourse 3/1992 @ $1,200	
Photo credit: Scans of Bill Bugert's 1990 35 mm photos	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-13

 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com	 Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com
Deep blue toning Old scratches in field above left shoulder	Deep blue toning Scratch thru shield's upper left into left wing Scratches below and thru (UNITE)D
Grade: XF45	Certified: ANACS SWH XF45 #2820193 "RPD FS-004.5 WB-102"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details West Coast Coins (on Collectors Corner) price list (10/2021 - $3,499; 8/2024 - $2,250) ex-Heritage Auctions 9/7/2018:3681 @ $1,920 ex-Heritage Auctions 2/9/2006:1287 @ $4,025	
Photo credit: Heritage Auctions.com	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-14

Toning patch thru shield's lower stripes	
Grade: XF40	Certified: PCGS XF40 #27503686 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Big Bushy-120 PCGS Registry Set
ex-Heritage Auctions U.S. Coins Signature Auction 7/14/2013:4989 @ $2,585

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1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-15

Old scratch across Liberty's left thigh Old small scratch across Liberty's neck Rim cud below (1)8(49)	Small nick behind the eagle's neck
Grade: XF40	Certified: ANACS SWH #EX3876 "Breen 4816"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Unknown Collector ex-Stack's Bowers 3/2020:1381 @ $1,680	
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1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-16

Small dig in field to left of left shoulder	Dark toning, scattered black spots Large black spot above H(ALF)
Grade: XF40	Raw XF40
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Unknown Collector ex-Ron Hunderfund Collection purchased in 1/1988 @ $95 ex-Randy Wiley Collection #W-11 purchased in Summer 1987 @ $55 ex-Walt Bodine Collection (I studied this coin at the 1987 ANA Convention) ex-Norwood Mail Bid Sale, early 1987 @ $55 unattributed	
Photo credit: Bill Bugert	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-17

Few scattered marks in left obverse field	Few small marks below AM(ERICA)
Grade: VF35	Certified: PCGS VF35 #49380423 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Bill Bugert Half Dollar Reference Collection ex-Coin Galleries Auction, 8/19/1987:1409 @ $522.50	
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Note:

1. This coin is the 1849 WB-6 plate coin in *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume V, Philadelphia Mint 1839 to 1852.*

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-18

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Small dig above rock in field by the left wrist	Dirt under eagle's right talons Scattered marks in the field above and to the right of eagle's head
Grade: VF30	Certified: NGC VF30 1787983-001 "1849/1849 50C VP-001"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Eagle Eye Rare Coins, Tucson, AZ, 2/28/2025 @ $2,700 ex-Liberty Coins, Inc. (listed on Collectors Corner) 9/9/2024 @ $3,100 ex-Heritage Auctions 8/12/2010: 4956 @ $2,530	
Photo credit: Heritage Auctions.com	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-19

Small mark in field by right knee Dark swatch along Liberty's left arm	Few small marks above DOL. Rim scratch below (HA)LF
Grade: VF25	Certified: PCGS VF25 #39197122 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Redding Liberty Halves PCGS Registry Set, 9/2024 ex-Stack's Bowers 9/10/2020:94148 @ $2,280	
Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com	

Note:

1. This coin is the variety plate coin for FS-50-1849-301 (004.5) in the *Cherrypickers Guide*[8].

[8] Fivaz, Bill and J.T. Stanton, Cherrypickers' Guide, Fourth Edition, Volume II. Atlanta, Whitman Publishing, 2006.

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-20

Toning thru stars 5-8 and above Liberty's head Light marks in left and right obverse fields	Toning under the olive leaves from K-7-K-9
Grade: VF25	Certified: PCGS VF25 #14947021 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Unknown Collector
ex-Stack's Bowers 6/20/2013:1300 @ $3,037

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1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-21

Small dig in rock support above the right edge of the 4 above errant 9
Small diagonal gouge in the field below the left edge of the 4

Grade: VF25	Raw VF

Cross reference: WB-102

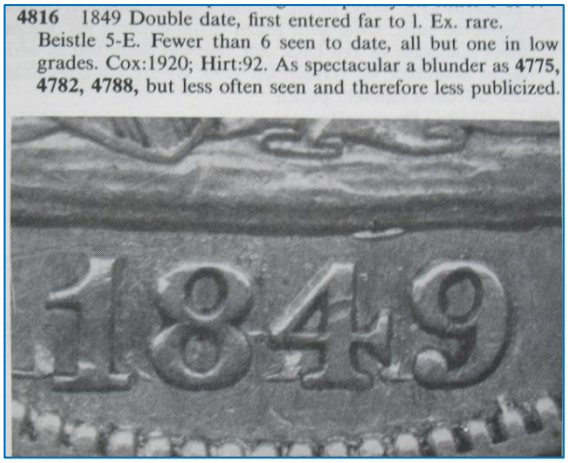
Known Pedigree Details

Unknown Collector
ex-Randy sold it to Walt Bodine, 1/1988.
ex-Randy Wiley Collection #W-02 – Randy cherry picked it at a Fredericksburg, VA coin show in 2/1980 for $20.

Photo credit: Scan of Bill Bugert's 1983 35mm photo

Note:

1. Randy Wiley supplied the photo above to Walter Breen for use in his Encyclopedia[9] as the Br-4816 plate coin. The image at the right is a scan of the listing from Breen's listing. The similarities are obvious.



4816 1849 Double date, first entered far to l. Ex. rare. Beistle 5-E. Fewer than 6 seen to date, all but one in low grades. Cox:1920; Hirt:92. As spectacular a blunder as **4775, 4782, 4788,** but less often seen and therefore less publicized.

[9] Breen, Walter. Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of US and Colonial Coins. F.C.I Press, Inc. and Doubleday, 1988, page 397.

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-22

Vertical dig in rock support below foot	Small hits above right wing Scratch to right of (UNIT)E(D) Scattered marks above HALF
Grade: VG10	Certified: Raw VG10
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Bob Muzzi ex-eBay, 10/2012 @ $860	
	Photo credit: Bob Muzzi

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-23

Dirt spot in shield above (LIBER)TY Peripheral toning	Dirt spot between (O)F A(MERICA) Dark spot on rim above UN(ITED) Scattered black spots Dirt on rim at K-9
Grade: VG10	Certified: Raw VG10
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Unknown Collector
Sold to Brian Greer in 7/1988.
ex-Randy Wiley #W-13 Half Dollar Collection. He cherrypicked it at the 7/8/1988 Lanham, MD coin show for $17.

Photo credit: Scans of Bill Bugert's 1988 35mm photos

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-24

Many scattered field marks	Marks in field below eagle's beak Old scratch from S(TATES) to field above left wing Scattered marks above DOL.
Grade: VG10	Certified: PCGS VG10 #19693958 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Merrill PCGS Registry Set
ex-GFRC Newtown Collection Auction, 3/2024 @ $1,400
ex-GFRC listing on Collectors Corner, 4/17/2023 @ $1,600
ex-Newtown Collection GFRC Registry Set
ex-Heritage Auctions U.S. Coins Signature Auction 2/26/2018:8215 @ $1,260

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-25

Dark toning Old scratch from star 13 towards right knee	Small pits below eagle's left wing Small marks between A(MERICA) and eagle's neck
Grade: VG8	Certified: Raw
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Fred Clowe Half Dollar Collection ex-eBay (David Valin, Elmwood Park, NJ), 8/2022, $710	
Photo credit: Fred Clowe	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-26

Dark toning Old vertical scratch in shield and scroll above (LIB)E(RTY) Old small horizontal scratch into field from drapery; another to right of the date Residue around devices	Dark toning Residue around devices Small digs on rim above (U)N(ITED) and (AM)E(RICA)
Grade: VG8	Certified: PCGS VG08 #28140657 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Dennis Fortier Half Dollar Collection
ex-Heritage Auctions 10/5/2021:21285 @ $900
ex-Heritage Auctions 8/16/2018:4345 @ $870

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-27

Even attractive toning Small pin scratch off left shoulder Slight porosity in right field near stars 11-13	Even attractive toning Dark splotches on AMERICA
Grade: G4	Certified: ANACS G4 #7460011 "RPD FS-301 WB-102 WB-6"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Dennis Fortier Half Dollar Collection ex-Great Collections 6/30/2024:140306 @ $426	
Photo credit: Great Collections.com	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-28

	Unavailable
Dark stains to Liberty's left elbow, at Liberty's cap, and above Liberty's head	
Grade: G6	Raw G6
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Unknown Collector ex-eBay 3/5/2008 by "fonesman" @ $758.04	
Photo credit: eBay.com	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-29

Worn but attractive toning Newer scratch across shield Three marks in field at knee	Newer scratch under eagle's left wing Line in field below (S)T(ATES)
Grade: AG3	Certified: Raw
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details West Coast (Mike Perkins) Half Dollar Collection ex-eBay 2/2021 @ ~$350	
Photo credit: Mike Perkins	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-30

Worn but attractive toning Old deep gouge from star 4 to Liberty's left elbow Repunching is not visible in photo, but it appears the digit from the rock support between 49 is visible	Worn but attractive toning
Grade: AG3	Certified: ANACS SWH AG3 #466710 "REP DATE FS-004.5"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Bill Bugert Half Dollar Collection ex-Great Collections, 5/18/2025:1799578 @ $236.32	
	Photo credit: Great Collections

Note 1. Although the date's repunching is not readily visible in the images of this coin, with the coin in hand, the digit from the rock support above the 4 is plainly visible as well as very weak repunching.

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-31

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Horizontal slide marks in rock Rim ding at K-7 Vertical scratch to left of left arm Horizontal scratches thru the rock	Rough surfaces Scratches below (O)F A(MERICA)
Grade: AU details	Certified: NCS Details 5130619-007
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Michael Fey
ex-Heritage Auctions 1/8/2009:2862 @ $1,150 (NCS)
ex-Stack's J.A. Sherman Collection 8/5/2007:686 @ DNS (raw)
ex-Charleton Meyer Collection
ex-Randy Wiley Inventory #14, purchased and immediately sold for $2,000.
ex-Bowers and Merena bourse stock, 1988 ANA. Sold for $1,000 to Randy Wiley
ex-Ed Hairfield (Morgantown NC collector) Collection[1]

Photo credit: Heritage Auctions.com

Note:

1. Bill Bugert spotted this coin in Ed Hairfield's half dollar collection at the 1988 ANA. Ed was unaware of the coin's importance until then. Ed sold his complete collection to Bowers and Merena at the ANA; Wiley immediately purchased this coin, #W-14, for $1,000 and resold it to Charleton Meyer for $2,000.

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-32

Cleaned Scattered marks including on Liberty's left arm and neck	Cleaned Small dig in field above (HAL)F
Grade: AU details	Certified: PCGS AU Details #44784860 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Unknown Collector
ex-Stack's Bowers 4/2022:90387 @ $960
ex-eBay listing, 8/2021 by "2013bruce13" Laguna Niguel, CA, listed at $1,999.95

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-33

Cleaning hairlines Diagonal scratch in field to left of stars 10-11	Cleaning hairlines Diagonal digs in field above (HAL)F Horizontal scratch above eagle's beak Stain at left wing tip
Grade: AU58 details	Certified: PCGS AU Details #42019773 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Roy Ash Half Dollar Collection
ex-eBay 6/2020 @ $1,500

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1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-34

Cleaned Deep blue toning Scattered marks in upper left obverse field Small marks along Liberty's right leg	Cleaned Deep blue toning Scattered marks around the eagle's head
Grade: VF30 cleaned	Certified: Raw
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

Unknown Collector
ex-Heritage Auctions Long Beach Sale 10/7/1995:5372 @ $2,640

Photo credit: Scan of Heritage Auction catalogue

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-35

Small hits on Liberty's left hip above the shield tip	Dark stain at K-4 Horizontal scratch in field below eagle's beak
Grade: VF30 details-cleaned	Certified: New ANACS holder # Unknown
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Unknown Collector ex-DLRC Auction #300 11/2008:5834 @ $3,950 DNS	
	Photo credit: DLRC.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-36

Scattered field marks Bag mark in the field to right of right instep	Scattered field marks Prominent marks above (HA)LF Small edge bump at K-4
Grade: VG8 cleaned	Certified: PCGS VG Details #42710258 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	

Known Pedigree Details

West Coast (Mike Perkins) Half Dollar Collection
ex-eBay, 8/2020 @ ~$700

Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-37

Bright from cleaning Dark toning in crotch of right arm	Bright from cleaning Few marks in the field on each side of the eagle's neck
Grade: VG8 cleaned	Certified: PCGS Details #20548132 "WB-6, FS-301 Dramatically Doubled Date"
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Dennis Fortier Half Dollar Collection ex-Rich Uhrich Rare Coins, 2009 @ $1,400	
Photo credit: Bill Bugert	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar BB-38

Photos unavailable	
Grade: VG details tooled-cleaned	Certified: ANACS SWH #910170
Cross reference: WB-102	
Known Pedigree Details Unknown Collector ex-eBay online buy-it-now by "crc-1" on 5/1/2014 @ $699	
Photo credit: Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com	

1849 WB-6 Half Dollar
Open Leads and
Nondescript Auction Lots

The following is a listing of 1849 WB-6 half dollars that, in the future, could possibly be traced to coins in this Register or to unlisted coins. There is incomplete information included on each of these but perhaps enough information to lead to proper identification.

1. BU, prooflike. Stack's Sale of the Queller Family Collection of United States Half Dollars, 10/15-16/2002:520 $1,500. Described with " Dramatically Doubled Date…**Small spot of discoloration on reverse rim at 8:45**." No plates. "Ex Stack's privately, September 1983."
2. R.E. Cox's AU, Stack's 4/1962:1920 @ $260. Although not specifically listed as such in the sale of his half dollars, this coin was likely in one of R.E. Cox's elaborate 3" x 4" handmade, hand-lettered cardboard holders. No images of this half dollar are in the catalogue so if it is out of the holder, identification will be difficult. It was described as "A shade from Uncirculated" without useful details. This coin was later in the Paramount Century Sale 5/1965:1196 @ $76 without mention of Cox's holder nor plates for the lot.
3. Choice AU. Stack's Grant Pierce & Sons Sale, 5/6-8/1965:872 @ $21. Previously, from the 1957 Stack's Empire Sale. No plates.
4. XF45. Jim O'Donnell discovered this coin in an old-time collection at the 1/1989 Long Beach Show, although Brian Greer pointed out to Jim that it was the dramatically doubled date. Jim wanted $5,000 for it and turned down a $4,000 offer from a collector.
5. The Casterline XF+, Superior 5/1989:2847 @ $2,420 lot description at the right. Larry Briggs owned this coin, and it had a reverse mark where a mintmark would be.

2847 **1847-O and 1849 (2 pieces). Very Fine to Extremely Fine.** The 1847-O is light russet and gray in color with a sharply repunched 184 of date. The first 1849 shows heavy repunching of the date, first a bit low, then corrected, this repunching is visible on all four digits. The second 1849 exhibits a recut date far to the left, (see Breen #4816) then corrected. This variety is listed as "extremely rare" with fewer than six specimens known in the new Breen Encyclopedia. Several small rim cuds have formed below the date which perhaps hastened this dies retirement, accounting for the rarity of this repunched date. A very interesting trio for the variety specialist of Seated Half Dollar and destined for much discussion about days gone by at the mint. Lot of 3 coins.

6. ANACS EF40. Teletrade 4/22/1996:448 @ $3,200. Described as "**1849 FS-004.5 ANACS 40 Repunched Date**; Brown toning, good strike, average wear, has a few scuff marks & hairlines, soft lustre, very scarce variety." No plates and no holder # for this lot.
7. Fine with a hole at obverse K-12. Discovered by Larry Briggs at the 1989 Mid-Winter ANA Show in Colorado Springs.
8. Good plus. The Abner Kreisberg Sale of the Herbert M. Bergen Collection 10/4-6/1979: 469 @ $60 was described as "1849 over 1849. Double cut date, the first cut date was far to the left. Evenly worn **GOOD plus** with most of **LIBERTY** worn smooth…
9. Fair. Discovered by Brian Greer at a CA show in the early 1980s. There is currently no Fair graded coin in this register.

Abbreviations

ANA	American Numismatic Association
ANACS	American Numismatic Association Certification Service
BB	Bill Bugert
CAC	Certified Acceptance Corporation
CSNS	Central States Numismatic Society
D	TPG Details Holder
DNS	Did Not Sell
DORC	Dick Osburn Rare Coins
FPL	Fixed Price List
FUN	Florida United Numismatists
HLRC	Harry Laibstain Rare Coins
JL	Julian Leidman
LSCC	Liberty Seated Collectors Club
NCS	Numismatic Conservation Service
NGC	Numismatic Guaranty Corporation
NK	Slab number not known
O'D	Jim O'Donnell
OGH	(PCGS) Old Green Holder
PCGS	Professional Coin Grading Service
RW	Randy Wiley
SEGS	Sovereign Entities Grading Service
TPG	Third Party Grade(r)(d)

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